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Inclusion of Mehendi as an Agricultural Crop
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has a proposoal to include mehendi plant as an agricultural or medicinal plant if so, the details thereof along with the steps taken by the Government to promote the cultivation of Mehendi; and

(b) whether the Government also proposes to cover more crops including mehendi under the minimum support price scheme to provide remunerative prices to the farmers producing their crops if so, the details thereof including the details of the proposals received approved and pending in this regard along with the time by which the Minimum Support Price for the said crops will be announced?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The mehendi plant (Lawsonia inermis) is an agricultural crop included in the list at S.No.3082 of Indian Medicinal Plants under National Medicinal Plants Board. Mehendi is used as dye plant for various purpose.

Mehendi is not covered in the list of 23 essential food commodities under the minimum support price scheme of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices.

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